



A trash free environment is a very important in keeping our community clean and promote awareness about pollution. The safety practices should be followed and practiced for trash pick-up by event organizers, small groups, and participants.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Limit groups to 25 persons or less.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Event staff should clearly communicate steps to be taken before, during, and after the trash pickup event to ensure that all participants are aware of safety protocols.
- It is strongly recommended that those who attend:
 - o If eligible, have been fully vaccinated and up-to-date, or
 - o Are not currently required to isolate or quarantine due to a COVID exposure or positive test result, and
 - o Are not currently sick and/or experiencing COVID symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, fatigue, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, etc.)
 - o People at increased risk of severe illness might need to take extra precautions.
- Those recently tested for COVID and still waiting on results should not attend until those results are final and “negative”.

PRACTICE THE THREE W’S

- **Wear a Mask:** Mask wearing is mandatory in public. Masks do not have to be worn when eating and drinking. Disposable masks must be made available for all.
- **Wash Hands:** Use hand sanitizers that contains at least 60% alcohol or hand wash stations that are convenient, and accessible for all. Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- **Watch Distance:** Maintain physical distance of at least 6 feet.
- Self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms upon arrival.
- Stay home when sick with COVID symptoms.

BIOLOGIC HAZARDS ARE LIVING ORGANISMS: AT NO TIME SHOULD SUCH ARTICLES BE HANDLED WITH BARE HANDS.

- Wastes from hospitals may contain disease causing organisms that could infect site personnel.
- Other biologic hazards that may be present outdoors include poisonous plants, insects, animals, rattlesnakes, and pathogens. Animal carcasses should be left alone.

SAFETY HAZARDS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Wear proper PPE, such as sturdy shoes or boots, long sleeved shirts, and pants, apply sunblock, consider wearing a hat, and use non-toxic insect repellent. Do not wear open toed shoes.
- Use buddy system.
- Visually monitor personnel for symptoms.
- Watch your kids: Children of all ages make great cleanup helpers. Always keep them in sight and off roads with traffic.
- Create designated areas and times for breaks.
- Have first aid kits available and inform participants of location.
- Watch out for sharp objects, such as nails in boards, metal shards, and broken glass. Place sharps in a modified container such as empty coffee can or small cardboard box with lid, if a sharps container is not available.
- Watch out for slippery surfaces, steep grades, and unstable surfaces.
- Wear gloves, never touch the litter directly and do not touch your face during trash pickup. Wear cut-resistant outer gloves while handling sharps.
- Use appropriate tools, such as grab tools, pliers, forceps, to pick up uncapped needles and other sharp objects.
- Use a whisk broom and dustpan (if available) to collect broken glass or other sharps that are not already containerized.
- Use of earbuds/earphones are discouraged.
- If suspicious containers are found, prior to any handling, cleaning or pick up, notification of police investigative authorities is required.
- Immediately report injuries, breaches in PPE (e.g., tears in gloves, protective clothing etc.) or any potential exposures to the supervisor.

FOOD AND WATER

- Provide water bottles or use disposable cups at a water station. Participants are encouraged to bring their own water. Hydrate before going into the field and stay hydrated to avoid heat stress.
- If snacks are provided, snacks can be prepackaged.
- If food is provided, we encourage event organizers to provide food in To-Go containers.

END OF THE DAY

- General monitoring practice: check one another for ticks, spiders, etc., to protect against biological hazards.
- Make sure to wash your hands as soon as possible.
- Disinfect all the reusable equipment that was used during your cleanup.

